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MEMORANDUM FOR: Director, Foreign Broadcast Information Service

THROUGH : Chief, Operations Group

SUBJECT : Monthly Report--Jordan Bureau--February 1986

I. OPERATIONS

A. Monitorial/Editorial

1. King Husayn, in an unprecedented 3 and 1/2 hour televised speech to the nation on 19 February, announced that Jordan would no longer "coordinate politically with the PLO leadership until such time as their word becomes their bond." The speech thus put an end, at least temporarily, to the joint Palestinian-Jordanian approach to Middle East peace talks.

The importance of the speech was underscored by the prerelease of the official text in both Arabic and English, and by the accompaniment of the speech while being broadcast with English subtitles.

The bureau brought all off-duty monitors in to help process the speech, which turned out to be largely a time-consuming exercise in comparing all the available versions. The official Arabic and English texts, which were received at the bureau shortly before the scheduled broadcast of the speech, were compared against each other and then against the speech as broadcast. The official English text held up very well in the face of intense monitorial scrutiny, again demonstrating the care with which the speech was prepared.

The bureau filed a series of FYI's and a four-take out-of-turn excerpt on the key part of the speech. A later message from the Wire noted that major consumers were "very pleased" with the bureau's "rapid and professional handling" of the speech. The entire 23-take speech was filed in time for publication in the 20 February DAILY REPORT.

On the 20th, we provided the embassy Political Section with three videotape copies of the speech dubbed into VHS format for local consumers. A VSL was filed and the videotapes forwarded, with another local consumer request to provide a copy to a Headquarters component.

B. Coverage

1. Continuing efforts to secure reliable deliveries of Iraqi newspapers, after a promising start, have again come to naught. A new vendor was able to supply the papers for several days, but then the supply line from Baghdad to Amman dried up completely.

II. ADMINISTRATION

A. Personnel

1. Monitor [redacted] received a PSI to FBN-9/2 on the 16th. STAT

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2. Monitor supervisor [redacted] received a PSI to FBN-11/4, also effective 16 February. STAT

3. Senior Monitor [redacted] was promoted to Monitor Supervisor, FBN-11/2, on 2 March. STAT

4. Associate Editor [redacted] was promoted to FBN-10/4, effective 2 March. STAT

III. VISITS

A. To the Bureau

1. Regional Engineer [redacted] 1-3 March. STAT

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Chief, Jordan Bureau

ATT: Monthly Production Report

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